

Program Alerts

CMS recently released two proposed rules for the EHR Incentive Program. The proposed Stage 3 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was released on March 20th and is open for comments until May 29, 2015. On April 10th the Modifications to MU for 2015-2017 NPRM was released and is open for comments until June 15th. The proposed rules can be located for review on the CMS EHR Incentive Program website at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html?redirect=/EHRIncentivePrograms/>.

Important Dates

Eligible Professionals:

- **January 1, 2015** – Reporting year begins for Program Year 2015.
- **March 20, 2015** – Last day to switch programs.
- **April 1, 2015** – First day to attest for Meaningful Use to receive an Incentive payment for Calendar Year (CY) 2015.
- **April 30, 2015** – Last day to attest to receive an Incentive Payment for Calendar Year (CY) 2014.
- **July 1, 2015** – Last day to submit Hardship Exception applications for 2016 Medicare Payment Adjustment.
- **December 31, 2015** – Last day of the Calendar Year (CY). Reporting year ends.
- **2016** – Last year to initiate participation in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **2021** – Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

Eligible Hospitals and CAHs:

- **January 1, 2015** – First day to attest for Meaningful Use to receive an Incentive payment for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015.
- **March 20, 2015** – Last day to switch programs.
- **April 1, 2015** – Last day to submit Hardship Exception applications for 2016 Medicare Payment Adjustment.
- **September 30, 2015** – Last day of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). Reporting year ends for Program Year 2015.
- **October 1, 2015** – Reporting year begins for Program Year 2016.
- **December 31, 2015** – Last day to attest to receive an Incentive Payment for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015.
- **2016** – Last year to initiate participation in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **2021** – Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

For Help with Meaningful Use

Regional Extension Centers (REC) with Kentucky Service

- Kentucky Regional Extension Center at the University of Kentucky: <http://www.ky-rec.org/>
- NorthEast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization: <http://nekyrhio.org/>

For Help from Kentucky Medicaid

- Medicaid EHR website <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/ehr.htm>
- Send an email to ehrincentives@ky.gov
- Send an email from Send E-mail function at <https://prd.chfs.ky.gov/kyslr/>
- Submit an Issue/Concern through attestation website

Getting Started

- ✓ Register at CMS
- ✓ Individual NPI and Registration Identifier (assigned by CMS)
- ✓ Payment reassignment documentation
- ✓ 90 day patient volume report
- ✓ Meaningful Use reports for MU reporting period
- ✓ Certified EHR Technology supporting documentation
- ✓ Screen shot of CMS Certification ID from the Certified Health IT Product List website
- ✓ Meaningful Use Confirmation form (provided by KHIE) and/or Go-Live Approval form (provided by KHIE)

Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Status, April 30, 2015

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
Hospitals	95	256	244	\$124,864,385.90
Providers	6,714	5,291	3,677	\$63,622,500.15
Totals	3,809	5,547	3,921	\$188,486,886.05

Kentucky Medicare EHR Incentive Program Status, February 2015

Total Payments to EPs and EHs: 6,664	Total Amount Paid: \$321,300,350.39
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KHIE Connection

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the Public Health Authority in the Commonwealth for the public health measures within the EHR Incentive Program. In order to be deemed a Meaningful User the provider must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation.

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